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**TO:** County Engineers, City Engineers, Village Managers  
and Metropolitan Planning Organizations

**SUBJECT:** Local Safety Program

We are pleased to announce that with the availability of funds for the Local Safety Program remaining in effect under the surface transportation bill TEA-21 we are sending notice of a call for projects. Federal funds for the local safety program are to be used for highway safety improvements on the state and local system. Due to the historical increase of project applications in previous years, and only moderate increase in availability of funds, we are requesting candidate projects for fiscal year 2003. Although we anticipate many changes for fiscal year 2003, we are estimating the local safety program appropriation based upon information at this time to be similar to the previous year.

This program will be managed as follows for fiscal year 2003

- 1 Each individual safety project is generally small in nature, usually with a project cost of \$500,000 or less. Only the construction phase only is eligible for federal aid. Projects are federally funded at 80 percent, up to an amount not to exceed \$200,000 federal aid with a minimum 20 percent local match. Along with the criteria listed below, over match by the local agency may be considered as a bonus in the selection process.
- 2 Eligible projects may include replacement, installation or elimination of guardrail, replacement of bridge railing and approach guardrail, upgrading of traffic signals and signs, rail crossing hazards, removal of roadside obstacles, sight distance, drainage improvements and minor intersection improvements.
- 3 All project candidates must be received or postmarked no later than February 8, 2002. Late applications will not be accepted. Projects are selected on a number of criteria which includes:
  - a Known crash history or potential for crashes (supported by crash information)
  - b Overall safety benefits, AASHTO guidelines

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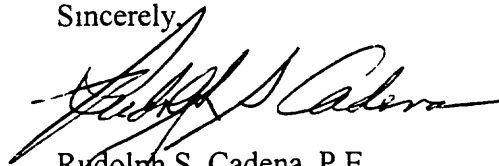
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Depending upon funding availability, project selection will be tentatively made in April 2002 with notifications and project programming material sent through each of the coordinating agencies. Our goal is to maintain a fiscally constrained program while maximizing the use of available federal funds.

Please feel free to contact Mark S. Bush, at (517) 335-2224, for any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rudolph S. Cadena', written over a horizontal line.

Rudolph S. Cadena, P.E.  
Local Agency Programs Engineer  
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